

SENATE BILL 1067

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By: **Senators Rosapepe, Currie, Exum, Harrington, Miller, Muse, Peters, and Pinsky**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's County**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince
4 George's County; providing for the members of the Task Force; providing for the
5 designation of a chair of the Task Force; requiring the Prince George's County
6 government to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the
7 Task Force from receiving certain compensation; providing that a member of the
8 Task Force may receive reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task
9 Force to study certain matters and make certain findings and recommendations;
10 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the
11 Prince George's County Senators, the Prince George's County Delegation, and
12 the Prince George's County Council on or before a certain date; providing for the
13 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Solar Hot
14 Water Systems in Prince George's County.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's
18 County to develop a business plan to achieve substantial use of solar hot water
19 systems over a relatively short period of time in a way that saves money for Prince
20 George's County residents and businesses and that reduces carbon emissions.

21 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

22 (1) one member of the Senate who represents Prince George's County,
23 appointed by the President of the Senate;

24 (2) one member of the House of Delegates who represents Prince
25 George's County, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the
2 Director's designee;

3 (4) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by
4 the Council Chair;

5 (5) the Prince George's County Executive, or the County Executive's
6 designee; and

7 (6) one representative from the Maryland Clean Energy Center.

8 (c) The Task Force members shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

9 (d) The Prince George's County government shall provide staff for the Task
10 Force.

11 (e) The Maryland Energy Administration shall provide contracting for
12 technical assistance.

13 (f) A member of the Task Force:

14 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

15 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
16 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

17 (g) The Task Force shall:

18 (1) investigate and analyze the use of solar hot water systems in other
19 states and countries to identify ways to support substantial use of solar hot water
20 systems in Prince George's County;

21 (2) analyze current federal, state, and local incentives, and related
22 existing and potential policy tools to support substantial use of solar hot water
23 systems in Prince George's County;

24 (3) analyze policy, financial, market, and other obstacles to
25 implementing solar hot water systems in Prince George's County and ways to
26 overcome the obstacles;

27 (4) explore possibilities to use greenhouse gas markets or other
28 market-based incentives to monetize emission reductions and thereby lower the cost
29 of solar hot water systems;

30 (5) identify the best major markets for implementation of solar hot
31 water systems, including:

- (i) county buildings;
- (ii) county schools;
- (iii) hotels;
- (iv) restaurants;
- (v) churches;
- (vi) commercial properties;
- (vii) multifamily residential properties; and
- (viii) single family residential properties; and

(6) develop a business plan to achieve substantial use of solar hot water systems in Prince George's County in a way that saves money for Prince George's County residents and businesses and that reduces carbon emissions.

(h) On or before December 31, 2010, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County Senators, the Prince George's County Delegation, and the Prince George's County Council.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.